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1. There were no aircraft on the southern border of the FINOW (N 53/V 08) airfield. The aircraft parked on the northern border could not be clearly seen. Only individual flights of DC-3s were observed.

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2. Most of the workers recruited for the construction of taxiways and runway had been discharged. Only about a hundred workers were still employed sowing grass and providing the very sandy landing field with garden mould. These workers said that the runway was exactly 250 feet wide and that the reconstruction of hangars and quartering facilities was to start soon. They also said that the Soviets had already given orders to make the required number of bricklayers and craftsmen available.
3. The cantonment buildings, formerly on the southern border of the field, had been dismantled. A tent occupied by five or six guards was on the eastern edge. There was a radio station east of the field.

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Comment:

a. The attached photographs, taken from the southern border of the field, show:

- (1) Western extension of the runway
- (2) Condition of the northern section of the field
- (3) The occupation of the field by fighters.

b. From these photos the length of the runway is estimated at about 6,600 feet.

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c. According to available information, one fighter regiment is assumed to be stationed at this field.

2 Annexes:

1. One Blueprint
2. 13 photos in envelope.

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